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During the Manchukuo Regime in the Northeast, the timber in this area was indiscriminately logged which resulted in serious floods and sandstorms. It is expected that on the completion of the plan, 19 million mou of cultivated land will be protected from wind, sand, floods, and drought and 20 million more mou of land can be put under cultivation.

CENTRAL AND SOUTH CHINA PLANS 1952 AFFORESTATION -- Canton, Nan-fang Jih-pao
10 Jul 51

Hankow, 6 July (Hsin-hua) -- A conference of forestry workers of Central and South China held in late June 1951 outlined plans for forestry activities for 1952 after hearing reports on results for the first 6 months of 1951.

Plans for 1952 call for afforestation of 3 million mou by planting of 680 million trees. The latter half of 1951 should be devoted to educational campaigns to preserve present forests and prepare seeds and saplings for next year's campaign. Suitable sites should be selected for afforestation. The policy of local individual activity in afforestation with government aid should be continued.

The conference heard reports that during the first half of 1951 306,470,000 trees had been planted on 1,290,000 mou of land. This is 208 percent of the goal previously set for the whole year.

AFFORESTATION MAKES RAPID PROGRESS IN KWANGTUNG -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 7 Jul 51

Canton, 6 July -- During the first 5 months of 1951, 4,060,787 ^[sic] mou of land has been planted to seedlings in 61 hsien of Kwangtung. This is 7½ times last year's planting. Mountain land totaling 306,721 mou has been sealed off for forest growth; 2,352 forest protection groups have been organized.

FUKIEN FIR LUMBER PRODUCTION EXPANDS -- Foochow, Fukien Jih-pao, 24 May 51

During the first 4 months of 1951, private lumber firms in Foochow handled 8,856,900 running feet of fir lumber. During the last 4 months of 1950, only about 2 million feet were handled. In view of this increase in the amount of timber available, private dealers, shippers and saw mill firms have greatly increased in number this year. At present over 3 million running feet are being sawed monthly in Foochow.

Lumber is plentiful in Fukien, over 80 percent of the area of the province being mountainous. Some 32 million mou of land distributed in over 40 hsien is timber land. Fukien is the third largest timber-producing area in the country. Before 1929, the annual cut ran between 9 and 10 million trees. Competition of foreign pine and other building materials such as brick and cement in recent years has cut the demand nearly in half. During the war, production fell to about 3 million trees. The chief commercial timbers of Fukien are fir (which accounts for 60 percent of the total output), pine, cedar, and camphor wood. The present ordinary cut of fir is 3,279,340 trees, and of pine 1,598,630 trees. The camphor wood harvest runs around 4,000 trees and others, around 200,000.

The chief areas of cutting operations are the valleys of the Min, the Ting, the Chiu-lung, and the Chin rivers. The Min Chiang valley produces about 70 percent of the total. The port of Foochow handles about 99 percent of the output. The chief points of consumption are Tientsin and Shanghai, followed by Tsingtao, Ying-k'ou, Yen-t'ai, Ning-po, Canton, and Taiwan. The Northern ports get the largest and longest timbers of from 6 to 8 inches in diameter and 14 to 16 feet in length.

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Fir lumber is used chiefly for building, box making, wooden implements, and tool handles. It is highly rot-resistant and in point of bending and crushing strength, is superior to imported pine.

NORTH ANHWEI SEEKS OUTLET FOR BAMBOO -- Ho-fei, Huan-pei Jih-pao, 25 May 51

The local branches of the Domestic Products Company in the Peng-fou area of Anhwei have entered into agreements for the joint purchase, transport, and sales of bamboo from the mountain groves of the area in the hope of developing a profitable market for north Anhwei bamboo.

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